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SUBJECT: CUBA AND THE OAS

1. VENEZUELA AMBASSADOR BURELLI-RIVAS VISITED DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 5 TO ASK IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANGE OR SOFTENING OF US POLICY TOWARD CUBA. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN TOLD HIM THERE HAD NOT, REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AND ITS EMPHASIS ON OUR OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE OAS.

2. BURELLI SAID GOV POSITION UNCHANGED AND VENEZUELA WILL NOT ACT UNILATERALLY. AT SAME TIME GOV DOES NOT WANT TO BE "SURPRISED" BY USG AND FIND SELF LAGGING BEHIND. SHLAUDEMANN ASSURED HIM THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE.

3. SHLAUDEMANN SAID TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OAS CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEMS WERE IMPORTANT. IN OUR VIEW THESE SHOULD BE RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1964 RESOLUTION. SHLAUDEMANN REITERATED USG INTEREST IN SEEING THAT THERE IS NO FORMAL OAS ACTION BEFORE NOVEMBER AND BURELLI
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EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED. BURELLI
WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSURE USG OF PRESIDENT PEREZ'
FRIENDSHIP AND DESIRE TO COLLABORATE. KISSINGER

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